

House Resolution No. 535

Whereas, the healthcare innovation developed by P.E.T. Systems, Inc., that helps consumers communicate with their healthcare provider, was awarded First Place in the CBS "Not So Crazy Ideas" consumer products contest on February 19, 2002; and

Whereas, featured on the "CBS Early Show" as one of the five most innovative new consumer products, the Personal Evaluation Tool (P.E.T.) was evaluated in the United Inventors Association/Inventors' Digest national consumer products hunt and was selected by viewers nationwide based on consumer appeal via electronic vote by clicking on the "CBS Early Show" website; and

Whereas, the Personal Evaluation Tool was developed in Springfield, Missouri, by Personal Empowerment Technology Systems, Inc., a privately-held corporation founded in 2000 whose C.E.O., John Sherwood, P.D., and Vice President of National Marketing Rocky Levell, P.D., are both pharmacists of Springfield; and

Whereas, Rick Williams, inventor of the P.E.T. and C.E.O. of Community Hospices of America, is a native of Texas and former Green Beret medic who dutifully served his country in Vietnam and began his rewarding career in hospice following careers in technology and hospital administration, since which time he has received the 1992 "Point of Light" award from President George Bush, and has worked tirelessly to better the lives of the ill and their caregivers; and

Whereas, a college graduate who received his Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy in 1979 and practiced as a successful pharmacist in Springfield for more than twenty years before joining Community Hospices of America in 2000, Rocky Levell is a partner and Vice President of P.E.T. Systems, Inc., where he works closely with healthcare professionals to ensure complete user satisfaction and systems integrity, and serves as Chairman of the Board of the Rainbow Network, a successful not-for-profit economic development project in Nicaragua; and

Whereas, a partner and Chief Executive Officer of P.E.T. Systems, Inc., John Sherwood spent more than three decades as a pharmacist serving the long-term pharmacy needs of the citizenry of southwest Missouri and continues to serve as a pharmacy consultant to many long-term care institutions in the Show-Me State while holding membership in various civic and professional organizations and traveling to the mountains of Guatemala to work to improve the lives of the impoverished villagers there:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and best wishes to P.E.T. Systems, Inc., and to Rick Williams, Rocky Levell, and John Sherwood at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for P.E.T. Systems, Inc., in Springfield, Missouri.

Offered by _____
 Representative Roy Holand
 District No. 135

I, Jim Kreider, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House

Jim Kreider, Speaker

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